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ROME, ATHENS, VIENNA AND FRANKFURT FOR INS

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1. IN RESPONSE CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC CONCERNS, DEPARTMENT HAS CONSIDERED VARIOUS OPTIONS BY WHICH U.S. MIGHT AID KURDISH REFUGEES IN IRAN WHO WISH TO RESETTLE IN U.S. WE HAVE DECIDED TO SOLICIT UNHCR AID IN ASSISTING A LIMITED NUMBER OF KURDS TO REACH WESTERN EUROPE, WHERE THEY CAN APPLY FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY INTO U.S.

2. U.S. MISSION GENEVA IS REQUESTED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH UNHCR AND INFORM DEPARTMENT WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT UNHCR WILL AGREE TO ASSIST.

3. BEARING IN MIND HEAVY DEMANDS ON CONDITIONAL ENTRY NUMBERS AND FACT THAT KURDS HAVE BEEN GRANTED ASYLUM IN IRAN, WE BELIEVE THIS EFFORT MUST BE LIMITED TO BENEFIT THOSE KURDISH REFUGEES WHO ANTICIPATE GREAT HARDSHIP IN INTEGRATING INTO IRANIAN SOCIETY AND THOSE WHO SEEK RESETTLEMENT IN U.S. FOR OTHER VALID REASONS. WOULD

APPRECIATE UPDATED ESTIMATE FROM EMBASSY TEHRAN ON PROBABLE NUMBER OF APPLICANTS TO BE EXPECTED.

4. WE HOPE UNHCR WILL AGREE TO SELECT SUITABLE APPLICANTS FROM AMONG THOSE WHOSE CASES EMBASSY TEHRAN MAY WISH TO PRESENT FOR CONSIDERATION, OTHERS WHO COME TO ATTENTION OF UNHCR, AND THOSE WHOSE NAMES ARE FURNISHED TO DEPARTMENT BY KURDISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY. DEPARTMENT CAN TRANSMIT LIST OF LATTER GROUP TO GENEVA.

5. UNHCR ASSISTANCE WILL ALSO BE NEEDED IN RESOLVING FOLLOWING PROBLEMS WITH GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED:
A. OBTAINING IRANIAN OR OTHER TYPE TRAVEL DOCUMENTS WHICH ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR ENTRY TO WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY OF APPLICATION;
B. ENTRY VISAS FOR COUNTRY OF APPLICATION;
C. TRANSPORTATION TO COUNTRY OF APPLICATION;
D. AGREEMENT BY WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRY OF APPLICATION TO RE-ADMIT REFUGEES WITHIN TWO YEARS OF THEIR DEPARTURE IF REFUGEES FOUND INADMISSABLE TO U.S. WITHIN THAT PERIOD. (THIS IS INS REQUIREMENT FOR ALL CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICANTS.)

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6. VOLAG ASSISTANCE CAN BE ARRANGED THROUGH GENEVA.

7. FOR TEHRAN: CONDITIONAL ENTRY APPLICANTS MUST MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF INA WITH EXCEPTION OF SEC. 212(A)(14) AND (15). WE DESIRE TO INSURE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATIONS OF THOSE KURDS WHO ARE MOVED TO WESTERN EUROPE IN SO FAR AS POSSIBLE. COULD EMBASSY UNDERTAKE

OBTAINING SECURITY CLEARANCES AND ARRANGING FOR PRELIMINARY MEDICAL SCREENING OF APPLICANTS WHO ARE SELECTED BY UNHCR?

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